

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/992,922

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an amendment filed 5/19/05 & a telephone interview dated 8/25/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-8,10-15 & 17-20 (will be renumbered as 1-17).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 15 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/26/2005.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


DANIEL MIRIAM
PRIMARY EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT AND REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven Peterson on August 26, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims **2, 9, and 16**.

Amend claim 1 as follows:

At line 8, after the limitation "image" insert "; determines intermediate transfer parameters for a homography for the selected image pair" - -

Amend claim 3 as follows:

At line 1, delete "2" and replace it with "1" - -

Amend claim 8 as follows:

At line 10, after the limitation "image" insert "; determines intermediate transfer parameters for a homography for the selected image pair" - -

Amend claim 10 as follows:

At line 1, delete "9" and replace it with "8" - -

Amend claim 15 as follows:

At line 3, after the limitation "comprising" insert "the steps of" - -

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At line 6, after the limitation “sequence” insert “; determining intermediate transfer parameters for a homography for the selected image pair” - -

Amend claim 17 as follows:

At line 1, delete “16” and replace it with “15” - -

Reasons for Allowance

2. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15, and 17-20 are allowed. The claims will be renumbered as 1-17.

3. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: the instant invention allows the transferring of a known infinity homography for two images within an image sequence to other image pairs within the sequence. Upon acquisition of the image sequence, the instant invention selects one of the two images to which the known infinity homography applies and an additional image from the image sequence, and determines an intermediate transfer parameters for a homography for the selected images. Thereafter, the instant invention derives infinity homography for the selected images from the known infinity homography. These features and in combination with all of the other elements of the claims are not disclosed or fairly suggested by any of the prior art of record including the primary reference to Szeliski and the newly found prior art of Guo, et al. (6,353,678).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIEL G. MARIAM whose telephone number is 571-272-7394. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:00-4:30) FIRST FRIDAY OFF.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, BHAVESH M. MEHTA can be reached on 571-272-7453. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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